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Title: INK AND UNDERPRINTING FLUID COMBINATIONS WITH IMPROVED INKJET PRINT IMAGE COLOR AND STABILITY

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.132

I, Shirley Lee, am the primary inventor in the above-referenced application. Over several years working in the research and development of inkjet ink at HP, I have become very familiar with various inkjet inks along with their use in combination with underprinting and/or overprinting fixers. In the course of my work, I have also interacted with researchers from other companies in the inkjet field and am reasonably familiar with the additives developed and used in both inkjet ink and underprinting fixer in the inkjet field outside of HP.

I am familiar with U. S. Patent No. 5,889,083 (Zhu) and the related EPO 735120 provided by the Examiner. Zhu et al uses an anionic dye or pigment and a wax with anionic styrene-copolymer as a binder to bind the ink with the wax onto, preferably, a non-porous media, but also onto porous media, giving the ink improved scratch and rub resistance. This application also utilizes the binding or film forming property of styrene-copolymer with the wax. EPO 735120 uses an anionic dye or pigment, with anionic styrene-copolymer as a binder to bind the ink (without wax) onto, preferably, a non-porous media, but also onto porous media, giving the ink greater adhesion and water resistance.

In contrast, the present application has anionic colorant (dye or pigment), with anionic styrene-copolymer to bind with the cationic underprinting fluid. We achieve enhanced chroma by binding the anionic dye/pigment and anionic copolymer with the cationic underprinting fluid.

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AMENDMENT

Please consider the following remarks and the attached documents:

Remarks

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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Claims 1-17, 21-27, 30, 32, and 34-57 are pending. Claims 1-16 and 34-49 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 18, 19, 20, 28, 29, 31 and 33 have been canceled.

Claims 17, 21-27, 30, 32, and 50-57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as 30 being anticipated by Kabalnov (U.S. 6,261,350 taken in view of the evidence given in Prasad (U.S. 5,196,056).

Applicants assert that Kabalnov is not a proper reference under § 102(e) against the presently claimed invention because applicants invented the presently claimed invention before the date that Kabalnov was filed in the U.S. Patent Office. Appli-